

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 461

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Clay Watkins,
2007 Salutatorian of Perry County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Clay Watkins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class at Perry County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Matthew Watkins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Watkins has earned an exemplary 3.9615 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service in the Beta Club, Advanced Science Club, Math Club, Spanish Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Business Leaders of America, and the varsity football and varsity baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Matthew ably stood as the class President during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Matthew earned class awards in Geometry, English, Spanish, Chemistry, and Physical Science, was named to the National Honor Roll, and gained recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins is also very active within his community, as evidenced by his participation in the Christmas Angels program and a food drive for the local food bank; in June, he will accompany his local Church of God on a mission trip to Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Tennessee Tech University, where he plans to enroll in the Chemical Engineering program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Lisa Qualls and Clay Watkins, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Watkins's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Perry County High School Salutatorian, Matthew Clay Watkins, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.